



Faith Community United Church of Christ **Dialog**

1126 Anderson Ave. • Maumee, OH 43537 • 419-887-1976 • faithcomucc@toast.net • www.faithcommunity-ucc.org
Scott Kaufman, *Pastor* • Mel Barrios, *Certified Lay Minister* • B.J. Lord, *Editor-Secretary*

MARCH 2014

Pastor's Message

What a winter! I am writing this on Feb. 18, and we are only a half inch from a record snowfall for the winter. By the time you read this I am sure we will have gotten the record already. The good news is that spring is only three weeks away, at least on the calendar. Hopefully we have an early spring this year, because we certainly have earned it after the winter we've been through.

I was just thinking how I could

tie in this harsh winter of 2013-14 with our Christian faith. One thing that came to my mind was God's power, which is where the power of nature comes from. Even though we have many modern ways to travel, such as cars, planes, trucks, and railroads, nature is still strong enough to make all those inventions useless. I recall a couple of weeks ago Atlanta, Georgia being shutdown for several days because of a snowstorm, and people spent nights and days in their vehicles because they couldn't go anywhere. Also, schools this winter have had to close down because of all the snow and cold temperatures, and many schools have been off twice the amount of days they were allowed. What power God has, and what power nature has.

This brings up the question for me on how to use the power of God, in my own life, as well as for others. My first thought in being given the opportunity to use God's power for myself is by being real *good*. I would feel I have to earn the opportunity. I would start my *goodness journey* by waking up every day, and reading scriptures from the bible be-

Continued on page 2

Calendar of Events

Every Thurs., 10 a.m.

Bible Study

Communion, first Sunday every month

Chimes Practice, Saturday, 10:30 a.m. each week



Wed., March 5

Ash Wednesday

Worship Service, 7 p.m.

Sun., March 9

First Sunday of Lent

Worship Service, 10:30 a.m.

Daylight Savings Time Begins

Tues., March 11

The Good Bunch

Dolly & Joe's Restaurant, 11:30 a.m.

Sun., Mar. 2

Church Shower as part of Worship Service, 10:30 a.m.

Council Meeting following worship service.

Thurs., March 20

April Dialog Deadline

***** Annual Congregational Meeting and Luncheon postponed until further notice.**



Lent Begins

Pastor's Message

(continued from page 1)

fore I started my day. Then I would make sure I never had a bad thought about anyone, and if I did, I would repent, and do something kind for someone because of my transgression. I would also deal kindly with any Michigan fan that I ran into. This is really going beyond the call of duty. Doing all these things would really get me in good with God, and God's power. Then I would ask God to use his great power to please, please let my beloved Cleveland Browns win the Super Bowl. All would then be well with the world.

Or would it? I would be happy for a while, perhaps months, but there still would be difficulties in my life. I imagine I would still forget where I placed my keys on a daily basis. I would still have to pay taxes. I would still get a stiff neck when I slept wrong, and I still would have to soak away all my aches and pains in Epsom salts. My parents would still be gone. People would still be out of work and the poor would still be poor. In the overall scheme of things my Browns winning the Super Bowl does not affect a big percentage of the earth's 7 billion people.

Perhaps I should rethink what I would do with God's power. What about all of you out there? What would you do with God's power, if you were in control of it for let's say just one day? Thought provoking? Think about it and let me know your thoughts.

May you all be warm,
Pastor Kaufman



The Good Bunch will meet on Tuesday, March 11, at 11:30 a.m., at Dolly & Joe's Restaurant on Airport Highway.

Mel and Nancy Barrios will be hosts. Please sign the sheet on the bulletin board to make a reservation or call the Barrios' at 419-893-0500.



THIS MONTH'S

birthdays

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Mar. 4	Judy Walle
Mar. 6	Peggy Walters
Mar. 8	Charlene Reese
Mar. 24	Joe Kowalski
Mar. 27	Amanda Ehrhardt



Please remember the following people in your prayers this month:

Ruby Burkey, Debbie Lehman (Mary Anderson's cousin), Ruth Farnsworth, Florence Pohlman, Peggy Walters, John Reichard, and Eleanor Huss.



Too Much Snow!

We have certainly had a lot of snow this winter. Large piles of snow mean that we will be faced with a rather large snow removal bill. If anyone would like to make a special donation designated for snow clean up, please put the money (check or cash) in an envelope and mark it "Snow Removal." We would appreciate any amount you can contribute.

Creative Minds Needed

At a recent council meeting, we created a new Fundraiser Committee. We need a few volunteers to be on this new committee. If you can join us or if you just have some interesting fundraising ideas, please see Mary Anderson or Ann Stine.

Cookbooks

Don't forget that we still have cookbooks for sale. They make nice presents for bridal showers, baby showers, birthdays, weddings, anniversaries, house warming gifts and many other occasions. They are only \$12 each.



Layreaders needed

We need people to sign up to be layreaders. If you have never done it, please consider doing so. It is not difficult and if you are new to it, B.J. will make sure you have the scriptures ahead of time so you will feel more comfortable. This is a service you can do for your church that doesn't cost anything and is a really big help to the Pastor on Sunday mornings. If you have any questions, please talk to Pastor Scott.

The Lenten Season is upon us

The Lenten Season is here. The schedule of events are listed below. During Lent this year we will again be collecting for the *Cup Runneth Over* campaign. The cup will be filled on Easter Sunday and the proceeds this year will be donated to the Wounded Warrior Project (WWP). Their mission is to honor and empower our military men who have been wounded while serving our nation. They offer a variety of programs and services to help encourage these warriors as they adjust to their new normal and achieve new triumphs. The WWP is equipped to serve warriors with every type of injury — from the physical to the invisible wounds of war. If you would like to know more about the project, check the information on the bulletin board.

Ash Wednesday — Wed., March 5, 7 p.m.

First Sunday of Lent — Sun., March 9,
Worship Service, 10:30 a.m.

Second thru Fifth Sundays of Lent —
March 16 thru April 6

Palm Sunday — Sunday, April 13
Worship Service, 10:30 a.m.

Maundy Thursday — Thurs., April 17
Communion Service, 7 p.m.

Good Friday — Fri., April 18
Worship Service, 12 p.m.
Sanctuary open from 1 to 3 p.m.

Easter Sunday — Sun., April 20
Worship Service, 10:30 a.m.



Popular Christian writer to speak at Sylvania UCC

Quaker pastor, author and storyteller Philip Gulley will speak at Sylvania UCC March 15-16 as part of the Chidester Lecture Series they are conducting. The Saturday lecture is \$10 and will be from 4-5:30 p.m. with Q&A following. He will also be speaking on Sunday morning and preaching at both worship services at Sylvania UCC.

Mr. Gulley is a popular writer and we have sev-

eral of his books in our own library which many of you have checked out and read over the past few years. A few of his books have been placed on the library cart in the hallway if you are interested in attending this lecture and would like to brush up on his writings.

Sylvania UCC is located 7240 Erie St., Sylvania, Ohio.



Dialog

Faith Community
United Church of Christ

1126 Anderson Ave. • Maumee, Ohio 43537

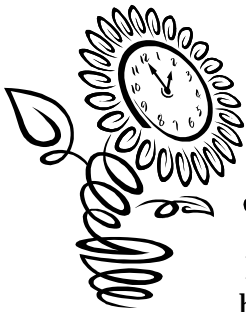
OFFICE OPEN:

Tues., Wed., Thurs. — 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Sat. — 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. (Sept.-May)

WORSHIP — Sun. — 10:30 a.m.

Closed — Mon. and Fri.



Spring Ahead

Daylight Savings Time
begins on Sunday, March 9
Set clocks forward one hour.

*****NOTE:** Due to weather conditions that have hampered people getting to church for the past several weeks, we are mailing this issue of the *Dialog* to everyone to make sure all get the information below. Next month we will return to distributing copies at the church on the Sunday closest to the first of the month.



Church Shower

The Church Shower will be held as part of the worship service on **SUNDAY, MARCH 16.**

Please bring any items you selected from the shower umbrella to worship services on that day.



Congregational Meeting

Following several weather delays the **annual Congregational Meeting and Luncheon** have been postponed until further notice.

Watch for future announcement.